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## From Children To Elderly???



Katherine Danahy School, the town's oldest school building, is slated to close on July 1, 1981 due to declining enrollment in the town's school system. Local Developer John J. Beltrandi hopes to purchase the building then rehabilitate the 15,000 square foot structure for 60 units of elderly housing. Town Manager Richard J. Bowen said the building will be put out to bid within the next several weeks.

## Gallano Blasts Bonavita Charges

Town Councilor Andrew C. Gallano today blasted Councilwoman Elaine Bonavita for failure to submit a written statement specifying her allegations that "corruption" in the bidding for municipal contracts exists at Town Hall.

### Written Documentation

According to a vote which was passed at the council's April 21 meeting, Ms. Bonavita was directed to present written documentation of her charges to councilors by Friday, April 24.

Gallano said Ms. Bonavita also failed to place discussion of her corruption charges on the council's May 4 agenda. Ms. Bonavita recently stated that she intended on forwarding her information at that meeting.

Said Gallano, "First of all, I don't know if she has anything or not. But it's apparent that the councilwoman has made some serious charges against the administration which she has failed to back up. She has disobeyed a council directive and that's serious in itself."

Town Manager Richard Bowen, who has shouldered the brunt of the councilwoman's recent corruption charges, today said he has no knowledge of dishonesty in contract bidding in his administration.

Bowen called Ms. Bonavita's charges "a response to some disgruntled and unsuccessful bidders" who failed to receive municipal contracts.

Bowen said, "Personally, I don't believe corruption exists. If it does, I'll hang the first person I come in contact with in Town Hall."

Councilor Richard Theroux, a co-sponsor of the attempt to force Ms. Bonavita to go public with her corruption charges, expressed disappointment with the

councilwoman's failure to provide councilors with a written disclosure of the charges.

"I think the council will have to deal with the councilwoman's ignoring their wishes."

### Formal Charges

Theroux said he remains uncomfortable with further debate on the council floor on the matter until Ms. Bonavita brings formal charges before the council.

"We can go around and around on this thing forever," he said. "If she has the information, then why is she taking so long to present it to the public?"

At the council's April 21 meeting, Theroux attempted to table her charges indefinitely, but was overturned by his colleagues.

Ms. Bonavita corruption claims surfaced in a published report several weeks ago.

The council refused to hear her allegations until she forwarded specifics. Gallano and Theroux pressed the issue after Ms. Bonavita seemingly had dropped her attacks on the administration.

The councilwoman was asked to bring her information to the council on April 21, but said she "didn't realize I had to have it tonight" when asked why she did not produce the evidence at that meeting.

Gallano promised that he would continue to press Ms. Bonavita on her corruption allegations.

"I am sick and tired of individuals putting this community on a pedestal of ridicule. I push this thing to the end because the charges are serious and damaging to the town," he said.

Bowen said the town can improve on "its purchasing practice procedures." He said a new system will be in effect by July 1 and that his administration has been working on the new system for months.

## Beltrandi Seeks Elderly Housing For Danahy

The Advertiser/News today learned that local developer John J. Beltrandi has offered to purchase Danahy School from the town and rehabilitate the town's oldest school building for subsidized elderly housing units at the North Agawam site.

When contacted, Beltrandi confirmed his purchase offer to Town Manager Richard J. Bowen.

### Preliminary Plans

Beltrandi said that preliminary plans call for 60 units in the building which is officially closing July 1 due to declining enrollment in the town's schools.

He said the property would congregate housing for the elderly and that there exist kitchen facilities to provide elderly residents with three hot meals per day.

Beltrandi would not speculate on the cost of rehabilitation nor would he comment on how much the 15,000 square foot structure may be worth.

According to Beltrandi, Leon Charkoudian is co-sponsoring the project along with East Longmeadow builder Ernest Gralia.

The three were responsible for the construction of Pheasant Hill Village in Feeding Hills several years ago.

Rehabilitation operations would begin immediately after purchase, Beltrandi said. The rehab process would take 9 months, he added.

According to Bowen, he has met with Beltrandi on the matter and will put the purchase of the building out to bid in several weeks.

Bowen said specifications for the purchase are now being assembled.

Bowen noted that the actual sale price of Danahy School, built in the early 1900's, was not as significant as the use to which the building would be put.

According to the manager, such use for old municipal buildings as proposed by Beltrandi "is becoming increasingly more common."

"We would probably need the services of a consultant to prepare properly the bid specifications," he added.

Director of Building Maintenance Julian Miodowski told the Advertiser/News that Danahy is structurally sound. He said the oil furnace "is just seven years old" and that preventive maintenance over the years "has kept the building in good shape."

### Two Floors Now Being Used

Danahy, named after a former local educator, Katherine Danahy, has three floors, two of which are now being used. The third floor, once the school's cafeteria, has been closed off.

Miodowski commented that the first floor cafeteria, which has been modernized, "is a good selling point for the town."

The brick structure is located on one and a quarter acres.

Father Robert Choquette, pastor of St. Theresa Church, endorsed the proposal for elderly housing at Danahy. "It sounds very good to me at this point. I would have no objections to it."

Beltrandi, who attended Danahy for six years as a youngster, said that elevators would be used to aid elderly residents.

"I firmly believe that Agawam desperately needs elderly housing. This location would be perfect for it, especially because it's so close to two churches (St. Anthony and St. Theresa). The town cannot let that building just sit idle."

"I think we have a positive and responsible proposal here and we hope the town thinks so too."



# Agawam Far Below Average On Per Pupil Funds

By Joanne Brown

Superintendent of Schools Louis Hebert reported the 1979-80 statistics on per pupil expenditures from across the state to the School Committee at their meeting last Tuesday evening. Agawam, at \$1,571 spent per pupil, came in at 40% below the state average of \$2,200.

According to Hebert, these figures sent by the state represent all factors involved with education expenses including school building maintenance. Only the three towns of Ayre, Sutton, and Spencer out of 351 in the state spent less money per pupil than Agawam.

In an area comparison, Ludlow spent \$1,802 (15% more than Agawam); East Longmeadow, \$2,049 (30% more); South Hadley, \$2,058 (31% more); and West Springfield, \$2,164 (38% more).

Data on dollars expended for administrative costs per pupil put Agawam at \$34.17, a figure which is 69% lower than the state average of \$57.80.

"These figures are particularly crucial this year with all the discussion on making cuts due to Prop. 2½," Hebert noted. "This data indicates that Agawam has not been extravagant in the past; indeed, we are far below comparable towns of our size and economic situation."

## Replacement Of Special Ed. Director Discussed

Much debate among all seven members of the board came over the procedure to be followed for replacing Special Education Director Dorothy Coon, who retires in June.

Several members, especially Rosemary Sandlin, expressed their desire to participate in the final interviewing process of Hebert's top three choices. Mrs. Sandlin indicated her desire to meet each of the top three candidates proposed for any administrative post and to question them on basic philosophy and background.

Other members preferred to remain uninvolved on the interviewing level, choosing rather to act only on the superintendent's final recommendation. Some commented that they felt they did not have sufficient expertise particularly in the special education area to

interview candidates competently.

A motion was defeated 3-4 with members Sandlin, Fuller, and Ennis voting in favor of interviewing. Superintendent Hebert invited board members to sit in as spectators and observe any of his interviews

## Fees Established

A second round of discussion on the proposed increase in fees for rental of school buildings and custodians' services ended in positive action. Rental rates have been hiked "substantially" for any group using the schools for non-school or town government-sponsored activities.

Business Manager James Coon reiterated the fact that very few groups are actually charged fees. Any PTO, Parks and Recreation, or class activity as well as most others that involve Agawam schoolchildren is not assessed a rental fee.

The board voted to table further action on changing the wording of the policy to substitute "town government sponsored" in place of "Parks and Recreation sponsored." The wording will again be discussed should any concrete action be forthcoming on the proposed elimination of the Parks and Recreation Department.

The implementation of charging a 50¢ admission fee for musical concerts was also approved by the committee. Director of Music Darcy Davis had asked for permission to charge the nominal amount as one way to raise funds needed for band travel expenses. The board had previously cut the band transportation account to zero.

## Personnel Action

In the area of personnel, the board approved a maternity leave for elementary teacher Janice DiFilipi and a request for a secretarial transfer from Beverly Ladizski. Mrs. Ladizski is currently secretary to the Assistant Superintendent and has asked to move to replace the Junior High secretary. That position was vacated by the shift of Carol Landry to replace Mary Gilmore, who is retiring as payroll secretary.

The board unanimously voted to deny Irene Thomas' request for a year's leave of absence.

# Subs Denied Bargaining Unit

By Joanne Brown

The School Committee received official notification at their Tuesday evening meeting of the dismissal of a petition filed with the state Labor Relations Commission by Agawam substitute teachers. The recently-formed association of subs (ASTA) had sought recognition as a bargaining unit.

Citing last week's court ruling on the Boston substitutes' similar situation, Ms. Ann DaDalt, executive secretary of the state commission, notified attorneys for both the School Committee and the substitute teachers that the petition had been dismissed. Grounds for dismissal were the past practice of not recognizing "dual-unit structures;" that is, one unit for fulltime employees and one for part-timers who perform the same work.

Attorney Maxine Frank, who represents ASTA, declared that the group is "totally disappointed" with the decision, but have already appealed it.

"We want our arguments to be heard," Ms. Frank stated. "The commission dismissed our petition without a hearing, simply on the basis of the court decision involving the Boston Teachers Association case."

Thinking ahead to the possibility that they may once again be dismissed, Ms. Frank has not ruled out approaching the Agawam Education Association to take on the substitutes as a subsidiary unit. This has not been the practice of the AEA in the past.

In other related events, Ms. Frank said the complaint filed with the State Labor Commission regarding a substitute's grievance about not obtaining a step-level contract when asked to work longterm will go ahead.

Superintendent of Schools Louis Hebert pointedly told members of the School Committee Tuesday evening that he had never met with the substitute involved and denied telling her that she would not go on contract because of her ASTA activities.

The date for this hearing has been set for May 7th.

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# Councilors Absent At Citizen's Meeting

By Stephen Gazillo

There were no town councilors at Tuesday's public meeting requested by Citizens for Good Government, but 35 residents appeared to voice their grievances and ask questions about the town's fiscal 1982 budget.

Fielding questions was Valentine R. Moreno, the person who initiated the successful petition drive which forced Town Council to call the meeting.

## Heels of Council Meeting

Tuesday's meeting came on the heels of the council's public hearing on the budget held a week earlier at the Junior High School. There are no stipulations in the town charter that required councilors to attend a citizen-petitioned meeting.

Moreno charged that councilors deliberately boycotted his meeting. Moreno also said the town clerk's office had been advised not to tape the meeting.

Peter Longo, moderator for the meeting, said the council's absence showed "a lack of concern for citizen's input and accounts for some of the irresponsible decisions due to a lack of understanding of the issues being voted on."

Issues discussed during the meeting included the revenue sharing, water and sewer rate increases, the legality of closing the Parks and Recreation Department, the use of free cash funds, revaluation figures, and the creation of the position of town planner.

Also discussed were the proposed pay raises for 28 department heads and supervisors that appear in the budget.

"The town is penny thrifty and dollar foolish with that water budget," Patsy Giordano, a resident of Garden Street said. Giordano claimed that no other community in the area has raised their water and sewer rates.

## Operating On Surplus

Moreno maintained his position that the water department is operating at a surplus in excess of \$200,000 and asked residents to read the figures in the record books he had available at the meeting.

Town Council has already passed a water fee increase of 40 percent and a sewer fee increase of 125 percent.

Arthur J. Leary, Jr., owner of Country Squire Furniture Shop, spoke out against the creation of the position of town planner.

"There's an intrinsic evil in the position," Leary said. "The person is not hired by the people and the dangerous part of planning is in the concept which denies our rights, the right of private domain," he added.

Longo said that comments during the meeting will be used to assemble a position paper by Citizens for Good Government on the budget to be delivered to Town Council before their budget review is completed.

# Agawam Chamber President Honored

Three Chamber of Commerce presidents were among the six individuals and three organizations recognized at a meeting of the Breakfast Club of the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce this week.

Raymond Peiczarka of Dee Service Inc., Agawam, president of the Agawam Chamber of Commerce, along with James Shriver of the Greater Springfield Chamber and Franklin White of the Ludlow Chamber were saluted.

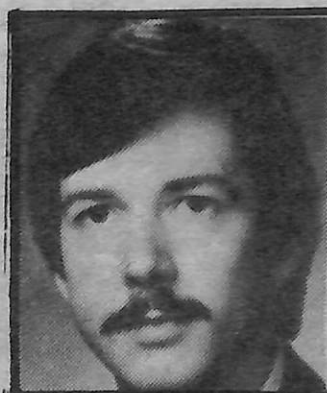
The event also honored the G & C Mirriam Company on its 150th anniversary, congratulated the Salvation Army on the completion of its new building on Pearl Street, and recognized the Melha Temple Shrine on its upcoming Shrine Circus set for May 7 to 10.

# Cable TV Replaces Channel 27

Commonwealth Cablevision is pleased to announce the next step in their programming changes. Channel 25, WXNE, Boston, has replaced Channel 27 from Worcester full time.

Marketing research had indicated a desire for a fulltime "independent-type" station. Currently, federal law prohibits adding an independent such as Channel 56, though adding Channel 25 is permitted because it is considered a "specialty" station since it carries religious programming the required percentage of the time.

In addition to the 700 Club, Channel 25 carries movies, Notre Dame basketball and a package of favorite reruns such as Bonanza, Lassie, Jackie Gleason, Get Smart, and so on.



# A Part Of Life...

By Peter Forastiere  
Colonial  
Funeral Chapel

It is said that a person has to make funeral arrangements for someone close to them once every 15 years. Involved in these funeral arrangements are many financial decisions which have to be made. This week's article will deal with the funeral cost and the different options involved.

Funeral expenses are generally determined by four factors: professional and staff services; use of funeral home facilities and equipment; merchandise, such as a casket, interment and receptacle and clothing; and cash disbursements, such as motor equipment, cemetery and clergy fees.

**Professional Services** include removal of the body from place of death, the care and preparation of the body, consultation with the family to arrange the funeral fashioned to the family's wishes, arrangements with cemetery and clergy, preparation and filing of legal documents, newspaper notices and various other duties, counseling and assistance prior to, during and following the funeral.

**Facilities and equipment** costs include the use of the funeral home facilities, preparation room, visiting room or chapel and all equipment and parking areas, acknowledgement cards, register book, memorial cards, religious and miscellaneous articles.

**Merchandise** includes the cost of the casket, outer vault or liner and in some cases clothing.

**Cash disbursements** refers to cash advanced for the cost of items requiring payment before the funeral. This sum is usually advanced by the funeral director for the convenience of the family. These costs include motor equipment, hearse, limousine (s), flower car, church and clergy honorarium, cemetery arrangements, etc.

Casket costs range in prices from less than \$100.00 to over \$3000.00 depending on the materials used and workmanship.

Complete funeral arrangements or final disposition can cost from less than \$500.00 to approximately \$4000.00. A wide range that allows a choice of services by the family from the very simple to the elaborate to fit the needs and financial budget of all families.

It is very important to note that every family is different and every family's needs are different. Therefore, there are no two funerals that are alike. Each arrangement should be customized to an individual's own personal needs, desires and financial concerns.

As always, if you have any questions about any aspect of the funeral that I may be able to help you with, please call me at 733-3625 at any time.

# Catholic Women Slate Fashion Show

The Agawam Catholic Women's Club will present a fashion show, "The Summer Look," at St. John's Church social center on Wednesday, May 6th, at 7:30 p.m.

Club members will model clothing selected from Sal's Boutique of Agawam with Mrs. Carmella Marzano as commentator. The event will also feature special awards, refreshments, and door prizes.

Tickets at \$2 each may be obtained at the door or by calling Mrs. Lawrence O'Connell at 786-2850 or Mrs. Donald Wheeler at 786-7129.

Chairpersons of this show are Mrs. Edmund Colby, Mrs. Arnold Jerry, and Mrs. Peter Longo.

# Newcomers To Meet

The Newcomers Club of Agawam/West Springfield will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, May 5th at 8 p.m. at the Capt. Leonard House, Main Street, Agawam.

Sal's Dress Shop of Agawam will present a program of on fashion coordinating. The public is invited. For further information, call Karen at 786-6186.

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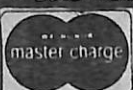
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## "On The Clothesline"



By Penny Stone

It was 6:25 a.m. on the morning of April 4th, when Emergency Medical Technician DAVID PISANO and firefighter GARY BROWN were summoned to the King Street home of BEVERLY ROSSI who was in labor with contractions only three minutes apart.

As Gary skillfully maneuvered the town ambulance through the traffic to Baystate Medical Center, Dave checked the progress of Beverly's quickly advancing labor. Bev, mother of two other children, was very soon to give birth to her third.

As the Agawam ambulance approached the emergency entrance of the hospital, Beverly let out a cry: "It's coming. It's coming." Gary hurried to summon a doctor. Dave instinctively went about the business of delivering the 8 pound, 22 inch baby boy as he had been trained to do.

A firefighter himself, Dave has been an EMT for the past five years. However, this was his first actual delivery. "I think it was very good for me. I'm glad it happened." Fortunately, there were no complications and everything went very smoothly," said the 29-year old father of two.

The baby VINCENT MICHAEL, is reportedly doing very well. His mother has many words of praise and appreciation for Dave and the Agawam Firefighters whose quick responsiveness and skill may have saved her baby's life.

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Installation of new officers took place in April at the Pheasant Hill Social Club: President - UR-SULLA O'NEILL, Vice President - RAY GOSSELIN, Secretary - SOPHIE RINALDI, Treasurer - LAURA DUGAN, Bingo - ROSE BAEVISH, and JERRY BALBONI, Social - ROSE MEZZETTI and JENNIE JUSBA, Trip Host, FRANK PARADISO. Frank Paradiso, past president, installed the new officers.

Meetings are held on the first Friday of each month. A social evening of cards and refreshments will be held every Friday. Residents of Pheasant Hill are invited to attend.

An Italian Night supper will be held on May 8th, followed by a fashion show, featuring clothes from "IRENE'S CLOSET" on Springfield Street. Refreshments and music for dancing will be provided. Tickets may be purchased from Ticket Chairman, ELLEN TISDELL (786-3529). For further information, contact Chairman Phil Mercadante (786-4038).

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Returning to school after a March 7th automobile accident is NICK DEPALMA son of ANN and JOHN DEPALMA of 16 Colony Lane, Feeding Hills. The Mill Street accident which demolished the car, left Nick with a full cast on his left leg, a brace on his right leg, a head injury, and various cuts and bruises. "It's just amazing what they (the doctors) can do nowadays," commented his mother a month after seeing her son in the emergency room.

Nick is now sporting a half cast and a brace, hobbling around the halls of Agawam High with various girls happily carrying his books from class to class. Hopefully, the cast will be removed in June when extensive therapy will begin to return the limb to normal use. Nick has recovered from the head injury and lacerations is apparently progressing quite well.

The Agawam junior has a fifteen year old brother, STEVE and a sister, MARIE, who graduated last year. Both are relieved to see Nick progressing so well. There's no telling when Nick will drive again, but one thing's for sure: dad sure is in no hurry to see him back behind the wheel! Best wishes, Nick!

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Grandparents from the first time are FRED AND SHIRLEY DEPKA of 125 School Street, Agawam. TIFFANY ERICA was born on April 10th, weighing 8 pounds, one ounce and measuring 21 inches long. Proud parents are CHERYL and CRAIG BIGELOW who reside in Springfield. Parental grandparents are MR. AND MRS. ARTHUR BIGELOW of Springfield.

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An Agawam graduate who is progressing nicely is KATHLEEN GRIFFEN, daughter of ROBERT & DORIS GRIFFEN of 38 Oxford Street. Kathleen received a bachelor's degree in February from the University of Massachusetts where she was a zoology major. She has also earned an associate degree in Animal Science from Holyoke Community College.

Kathleen hopes to utilize her science education background in an occupation in which she can incorporate her keen interest in sign language as well-perhaps in museum work or something in the field of special education.

In addition to courses on sign language at UMass, (where she became interested in the subject), she is currently taking a course at Willie Ross School for the Deaf in Longmeadow.

Work in her chosen field may not be easy to come by, but she knows what she wants and we wish her great success in whatever she does.



Emergency Medical Technician David Pisano is congratulated by shift Lt. Douglas Kerr for his quick thinking in delivering the Rossi baby. Photo by Jack Devine.

## DAR Events

Mercy Warren Chapter, DAR, will hold its annual meeting and luncheon Tuesday, May 5th, at 12:30 at the Longmeadow Country Club.

New members will be presented, annual reports will be read, and the slate of officers for the 1981-82 year will be introduced.

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The 90th Continental Congress of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution will be held April 30 through May 5th in Washington, D.C. Official sessions will be held in Constitution Hall, the largest block of buildings in the world owned and built by a women's organization.

Representing Mercy Warren Chapter, DAR, will be Mrs. Mildred Orlitzki of Westfield, regent; Mrs. Mabel Swanson, vice-regent; and Mrs. Linda Abrams of Longmeadow. Elected as alternates were Mrs. Gail Nadok of Agawam and Mrs. Virginia Prater of Wilbraham.

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## Local Residents Win Needlework Honors

Over seventy examples of Greater Springfield's finest handiwork are currently on display at the Frame Factory of East Longmeadow's second annual National Needlework Contest. Judges Gwynne Simpson and Joan Patrikis of Connecticut selected three entries in each of the categories of counted thread, surface embroidery and canvaswork.

Counted thread: Rachel Atkinson of Agawam, first prize; Eleanor Carlisle of Springfield, second; and Judy Paul of Agawam, third.

Surface embroidery: Jean Mayhew of Wilbraham, first prize; Sue Peckham of Agawam, second; and Catherine Boadry of Feeding Hills, third.

Canvaswork: Rachel Atkinson of Agawam, first prize; Sue Picone of Springfield, second; Joan Chaffee of Somers, Connecticut, third.

Gift certificates of ten, thirty, and fifty dollars were awarded in each category and a Best of Show winner will receive a fifty dollar certificate at the end of the exhibit which will run through April 30th. The public is invited to view the competition and vote for Best of Show.

All winners will proceed to the New England Regional Contest to be held at the Old State House in downtown Hartford from May 11th through 20th.

## Grange Schedules Meeting

Community Grange will meet Tuesday evening, May 5th, at 7:30 in the Grange Hall on North West Street. East Longmeadow and Westfield Granges will be guests for the evening.

John Frisbie, lecturer, will present a program on British Columbia using slides to give a comprehensive picture of this beautiful province of western Canada.

A social hour will follow with Alex Sosnowich in charge of refreshments assisted by Mrs. Delina Burt.

## Square Dancers To Meet

The Gamblers Square Dance Club will hold their dance on Saturday, May 2, at the Agawam First Baptist Church on Main Street. The dance will run 8-11 p.m.

Jerry Benoit will be the caller, refreshments will be served, and all square dancers are welcome.

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## Stage West's Farce Funny, Delightful

By Chuck Kelley

They say Jerry Lewis is regarded as a supreme artist in France because his antics on the screen involve an abundance of physical mishaps that occur within one implausible situation after another. Add infidelity in a hotel bedroom, put the situation on stage, and you've got a kind of comedy known as the French farce.

Such is the three-act comedy *13 Rue de L'Amour* now playing at Stage West. Playright Georges Feydeau was a master creator of this type of comedy, having also written *A Flea In Her Ear* lately performed by the Agawam Repertory Theatre.

Even if at first you can't conceive of infidelity as something to laugh at, this play will more than likely work its way to your funny bone and eventually get the best of you. You'll let yourself go, so to speak, and have yourself a good time enjoying the absurdities on stage.

Director Stephen Hays moves the play at a brisk pace; each act, especially two and three, moves so quickly one is astonished that it's already intermission time. Hays is not afraid to let his actors ham it up with sweeping gestures and exaggerated facial expressions. After all, such incredible situations justify if not necessitate the melodramatic form. Hays has polished all the basics to a high gloss, but more important is the overall spirit of farcical comedy he has brought forth from his players.

Duchotel, played by Charles Antallosky, is the culprit who tells his wife he is hunting when really he is frolicking. Antallosky builds his character from confidence to that of a desperate liar who will say anything to avoid the truth. Leontine, portrayed by Karen Shallo, is his wife who seeks revenge and nearly has it.

John Marinuzzi's Moricet is the romantic who longs for Leontine. Reciting poetry, kneeling in words of sincere flattery, will Moricet have his way with Leontine?

Deborah Stenard takes the small role of Marie, the maid, and plays it with such skill and charm, she seems authentically French in both looks and voice. Appearing only in Acts One and Three, she is like a jack-in-the-box who opens doors with brief but engaging pieces of information. By the middle of Act Three, we anticipate her appearance between those grand doors.

Another actress whose stage presence is compelling is Jety Herlick, playing Madame Spritzer, the lady who in her younger days could seduce and subdue her beloved lion tamer. Herlick has a grand voice, moves with commanding grace, and has the talent to mix these noble qualities with those of the eccentric and the harlot.

Costillo, the cuckold, is played with shameless exaggeration by Peter Burnell. His voice whines to a high pitch and his body contorts to a beast of prey, all with a most feminine touch, no less. It works beautifully and Burnell leaves little question as to why Senora Costillo is in everybody's bed but her own.

Richard DeFabees plays Jean-Pierre, the young man-about-town, and Gannon McHale is the inspector of police. Michael Cote of Westfield High School and Mark Matthews of Westfield State College are the policemen.

Set designer Brian Jackins has created two beautiful sets: for Acts One and Three, an elegant living room painted in soft tones of white, blue and gold with



Charles Antallosky and Richard DeFabees of *13 Rue de L'Amour* share a funny moment in Stage West's fine comedy.

matching furniture sparsely and tastefully placed; and for Act Two, the infamous apartment done in dark tones of wood and warm colors of red with lots of furniture that gives it the cozy atmosphere for which it was intended.

Paul Horton, lighting designer, has skillfully enhanced the elegance of the living room and effectively created a mood of passion in the apartment. For Act Two, in the apartment, the lights go on and off and up and down and Horton makes it all seem very real.

Also of the best quality are the costumes designed by Jan Morrison and Deborah Shaw. The dresses worn by Shallo and Herlick, the maid's costume, and two identical hunting suits are a few examples of late nineteenth century costumes on display. Like the set, the costumes don't overcast the actors; they are simply an equal part of the play.

## Scholarship Dinner To Benefit Stigmatine Students

The Stigmatine Scholarship Committee will have its nineteenth annual banquet on Saturday, May 9th, at the Colosseum Banquet House, West Springfield. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served from 6 to 7 o'clock and dinner will begin at 7. Dance music will be provided by Felix Mazzarino's orchestra.

The main speaker of the evening will be Bishop Joseph Maguire along with the Rev. Anthony Corigliano, C.S.S., provincial of the Stigmatine Order in North America, and Springfield Mayor Theodore Dimauro.

The purpose of the scholarship is to aid young men who are studying for the priesthood in the Stigmatine order. Since the inception of the organization in 1962, these individuals have raised over \$105,000 and have assisted seven students to be ordained.

The committee holds ten monthly meetings at St. Anthony's Church, Agawam, and has also held memorial masses for departed members. Paul Ferrarini has served as chairman for two years.

Tickets for this dinner are available for \$15 per person and may be obtained by calling Ferrarini at 786-9574 or the rectories of Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills; St. Anthony's of Agawam; St. Ann's of West Springfield; or Mt. Carmel of Springfield.

## For Senior Citizens... New Beginnings

By Rita White

I am constantly picking up women's magazines and reading articles by women who are feeding their families on 31¢ in cash and \$100 in coupons. Well, maybe I am exaggerating a bit, but there have been many articles on the tremendous benefits of coupons. I myself have enjoyed great savings. A few years ago, however, I decided not to stop with just cutting out the coupons that I myself would use. I started cutting them all out. The I would take mine out and pass the rest of them around to my friends, who then began doing the same thing. With so many seniors living on fixed incomes and needing to economize in any way possible, I suggest that perhaps you could form coupon co-ops. Those seniors who are regulars at the Senior Center and those who meet regularly at the Pheasant Hill meeting room and, of course, those in the other housing projects as well as people who do not use these facilities could start their own groups. If everyone cut out all coupons when they were cutting out their own, then put them in a box somewhere that was located at a convenient spot, you could each put in what you won't be using and take out some that you would use. You may want to have a particular person in charge so that it doesn't become mass confusion and perhaps to keep coupons in some kind of order to make it easier. However you choose to do it, it can mean some extra savings to everyone concerned. I know that I am always getting coupons that I use regularly from other people and, in turn, I give them ones that otherwise would simply be thrown away. Give it some thought and give it a try.

Don't forget the craft show being held at the Senior Center on May 6th, 7th, and 8th. Stop by. You'll enjoy it.

Would the seniors at the Senior Center who took the colored forms to fill out for me please return them to Margarete or Dorothy so I can pick them up. Thanks.

Lunches at the Senior Center next week include cheese stuffed shells on Monday; veal patties with mushroom sauce on Tuesday; tomato soup, rolls and cold cuts on Wednesday; kielbasa on Thursday; and fish nuggets on Friday.

And speaking of lunches, don't forget that the Friday the 8th luncheon is a special one to celebrate Mother's Day. Don't miss that one!

For those people at Pheasant Hill, don't forget that Friday, May 8th, in the evening you can enjoy "Italian Night." This is an Italian supper that will be held in the Skylark Room. I hear tell it's a dinner you will enjoy very much thanks to the organizational skills of Mrs. Philomena Mercadante. Following the supper, there will be a fashion show in the Blue Bird Room featuring some of the fashions available at Irene's Closet. You'll probably wish you hadn't eaten so much at the dinner once you see the fashions. Anyway, it sounds as though you're in for a fun night.

We'll try a few "Do you remember's" over the next couple of weeks. If you have any you would like to contribute, let us hear from you. DO YOU REMEMBER...when everyone left their doors unlocked???

I sat down to write a poem today  
And realized I had nothing to say.  
So I'll have to close with a simple line  
Hope your day was extra fine. Rita White

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Grange Hall  
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May 6th  
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Catholic Women  
St. John's Center  
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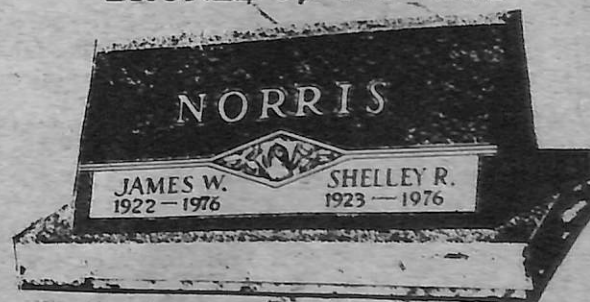
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# EDITORIAL



## FROM THE THIRD

By Rep Edward W. Connelly

### Debate On Budget Expected In Two Weeks

The tempo in the legislative process has picked up considerably this week. It is expected that the budget will be released for debate on the floor of the House in two more weeks.

The problems which have surfaced in the cities and towns due to Proposition 2 1/2 are apparent and well known to the members of the legislature.

I believe the really significant obstacle to be overcome is an attitude generally shared by the majority leadership as well as the administration: An attitude that does not accept any idea whatsoever that spending must be curtailed at the state level.

Every indication shown to date reveals a reluctance to seriously revise the practice of unabridged spending. Concern for continuation of past performance has even led to a proposal of increased taxes under the guise of tax reform.

It just doesn't make sense to claim recognition for increased local aid and then set about to provide for the needed increased aid by jacking up existing taxes.

I don't believe this is a course to be taken and therefore can predict that the hardest task ahead is to prove, and prove conclusively, that additional aid can be achieved by revised spending patterns, better management and finally, becoming fully aware that failure to perform accordingly will only make inevitable, a Proposition 2 1/2 on the staff government itself.

### 11th Hour News...

## Planner Receives Tentative Approval

By Stephen Gazillo

Town Council has tentatively endorsed the creation of a new \$42,000 Community Development Office at its budget review session Monday night.

The move was bolstered by support issued from the local Chamber of Commerce and the Conservation Commission last week, but does not yet guarantee the hiring of a full time town planner.

Town Manager Richard J. Bowen said the initial support shows "some recognition of the need for professional attention to one of the most serious problems the town has."

Bowen included the new department in his proposed \$21 million budget to deal with the problems of uncontrolled development which has plagued the town's water, sewer and drainage systems, according to town hall officials.

Council President Paul Fieldstad, who last month proposed a moratorium on growth in the town, said Monday night's action was the most significant move so far in the budget review process.

"That's the one area that stands out in the budget as being most significant in terms of the stabilization of the town in the future," he said.

Bowen's proposal includes the creation of a full time urban planner with a proposed salary of \$24,000 per year. When asked why the figure was so high, Bowen replied that it was a starting figure for a person with a graduate degree in planning who has three-four years of experience.

"We're looking for a relatively young person who is prepared to do a lot of work," he said. The likelihood of finding an older person with a lot of experience at that salary is minimal," he said.

The Community Development Office would also include a full time secretary, who would be moved from her position with the Planning Board and Conservation Commission to the new position.

Final approval of the plan will come June 30 when the entire budget is voted on by the council.

### Wrong Rubbish List

The residents of Southwick Street in town were inadvertently mailed the incorrect rubbish route schedule with their recent water bill. The correct route for Southwick Street is Route Number 4 with bi-weekly collections being made on Thursdays. The next scheduled collection is on Thursday, May 7, 1981.

Rubbish collection schedules are available at the DPW Office for those residents wishing to pick one up.



## On Local Poltics

By Stephen Gazillo

### Town Sports Face Serious Situation

In case you didn't know, this week is National Volunteer Week. It is an appropriate time to step aside a moment and ask ourselves some pertinent questions regarding those few individuals and organizations who find the time to give of themselves for worthy causes.

One question that immediately hits home, particularly as I observe the budget review sessions of Town Council, concerns the dismantling of the Parks & Recreation Department as proposed by Town Manager Richard J. Bowen.

One feature of the Parks Department has been its ability to provide a small amount of funding to assist volunteer athletic programs in their operations.

Two organizations that have received funding under the direction of the Parks Department are the Agawam Athletic Association and the Agawam Hockey Association. Basically, the town has provided them with money for personnel to officiate at their games and for necessary custodians when municipal buildings are being used.

Both volunteer groups together serve over 2,100 youth ranging in age from 6 to 18. In the case of the AAA, they have provided baseball, softball, basketball, and swimming programs. They have, quite simply, one of the best programs in the nation because it integrates so many different sports and age brackets under one umbrella organization.

In terms of dollars, the AAA raises between four and five dollars for every one dollar that the town provides them. In the case of the Agawam Hockey Association, they have been spending over \$600 per participant from the funds they have raised.

The simple question is, how much can we expect volunteers to do? Without any funding from the town, both organizations will face serious problems in running their programs.

The town contributes a very small portion of the money that they need to operate, but nevertheless a crucial portion.

What could happen in the event there is no funding?

First, they will be forced to charge higher fees to their participants in order to absorb the losses from the town as well as normal inflation-related problems.

Second, if the AAA is no longer receiving any money from the town, they would be forced to pay steep rental fees for the use of town buildings, thus making it virtually impossible to run certain programs.

In addition to this, certain programs to be lost through the abolition of the Parks Department could potentially be run by the AAA if they receive some type of reasonable funding. Without any money, gone are baton, gymnastics, and "learn to swim programs" which involve over 500 youths.

The seriousness of the situation cannot be overstated. Agawam needs the help of volunteer organizations like the AAA and the Agawam Hockey Association. It can no longer afford to take for granted that volunteers will always be there to take up the slack.

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### Further School Cuts Undesirable

To The Editor:

An article in the *Advertiser* recently chided public officials for not cutting the School Dept. budget below last year's level and trumpeted a 1% increase as not showing an understanding of the need to sacrifice. It's too bad that reporter didn't take the trouble to investigate why further cuts were not suggested. He might have found that since Agawam spends 27% less on the education of its children than the state average, and less than the U.S. average, that further sacrifices of its children are uncalled for.

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*AGAWAM	\$1,441 27% less than Mass. average
Maine	\$1,411 29% less than Mass.
Florida	\$1,287 35% less than Mass.
U.S. average	\$1,507 24% less than Mass.

Some of us don't believe that Agawam's children deserve or need less.

Sincerely,  
Louis J. Hebert  
Superintendent of Schools

### Hockey Association Supports Park & Rec

To Members of the Town Council:

As you know, with the enactment of Proposition 2 1/2, our town as well as others throughout the state are faced with various budget re-alignments. In particular, before you is a proposal which calls for the elimination of the Town of Agawam's Recreational Department along with the funding which the Town has provided to the Agawam Athletic Association, the Agawam Hockey Association, as well as the Agawam Soccer Association.

As president of the Agawam Hockey Association, and speaking on behalf of the members and the Board of Directors of this association, we feel that with the enactment of your proposed elimination of the aforementioned recreational departments, etc., Agawam will be losing one of their biggest assets.

This asset is the development and the proper growth of our children. The sports programs which have been funded throughout the years by the Town has essentially made great contributions to the moral characteristics of our children.

I feel that there are other areas in the budget which have less significance than the sports programs and that these sports programs affect many in comparison to these other areas in the budget which in many cases affect only a few.

We therefore are urgently making this appeal to you as members of the Town Council and also to Mr. Richard Bowen, the Town Manager, to strongly reconsider the proposed cuts in regards to the Agawam Recreational Department, the Agawam Athletic Association, the Agawam Hockey Association, and also the Agawam Soccer Association.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation in this matter.

Respectfully yours,  
Raymonde Parolo  
President, Agawam Hockey Association

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Administration Building, Agawam, THURSDAY, MAY 7, 1981 at 7:30 P.M. o'clock to all parties interested in the appeal of JERRY HERZENBERG who is seeking relief from Section 20-53 (b) of the Zoning Ordinances to allow the construction of an addition with less than the required rear yard at the premises known as 32 MEADOW STREET EXTENSION.

By order of the Board of Appeals,  
T. A. Progulski, Chairman  
Published: April 23, 1981  
April 30, 1981

#### LEGAL NOTICE

#### TOWN OF AGAWAM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Sealed bids will be received by the Department of Public Works for Gravel; Trap Rock; Dust; Rip-Rap; Processed Sand and Loam until Friday, May 15th, 1981 at 2:00 P.M. at the Office of the Superintendent of Public Works, Administration Building, Agawam MA., at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and all bid prices read aloud. Proposal form and specification may be obtained at the office of the Superintendent of Public Works. The Town Manager reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

John P. Stone, Superintendent  
Dept. of Public Works



# A Night For Rev. Dunn



Reverend Frank E. Dunn (center) sits with birthday committee members Donald Rheault, Norman Steadman and Raymond Saracino, who served as the evening's master of ceremonies Sunday night.



The Reverend Paul Burns of Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills, gave both the invocation and benediction at Reverend Frank E. Dunn's 80th Birthday Party Sunday night at Oak Ridge Country Club.

## It Was A Gala Evening For Rev. Dunn

Over 340 relatives and friends were on hand Sunday at Oak Ridge Country Club to celebrate the 80th birthday party of one of Agawam's long time spiritual, civic, and political leaders; the Rev. Frank E. Dunn.

Rev. Dunn was honored with letters and awards from community, state, and national leaders, including President Ronald Reagan.

Gerald J. Mason, chairman of the event, read the birthday greetings from the President and the First Lady.

Rev. Dunn is retiring from his post as pastor of Valley Community Church in Feeding Hills next month.

State Representative Edward W. Connelly presented Dunn with a proclamation from the House of Representatives in Boston.

Rev. Dunn delighted the gallery with stories of yesteryear, many of which occurred when the Rev. was a young man starting down the path of the Christian ministry.

Rev. Dunn pledged to continue his work in the areas of juvenile crime

and said his community mobilization program, which has gained tentative approval in Washington, will occupy much of his retirement.

"There is so much left to do I cannot begin to tell you," Rev. Dunn said.

"But I will continue my work in making cities and towns safer for us all that I promise you," he added.

After leaving Valley Community Church, Rev. Dunn will reside in Enfield, Connecticut with his daughter.

## Mason And "The Man"



Congratulations from Gerald J. Mason, general chairman of Rev. Dunn's 80th Birthday Party.



Police Chief Stanley Chmielewski (standing) congratulates Rev. Dunn for his 80th birthday and also for his many dedicated years of service to the community. Looking on are birthday committee members Donald Rheault and Daniel Lacienski.

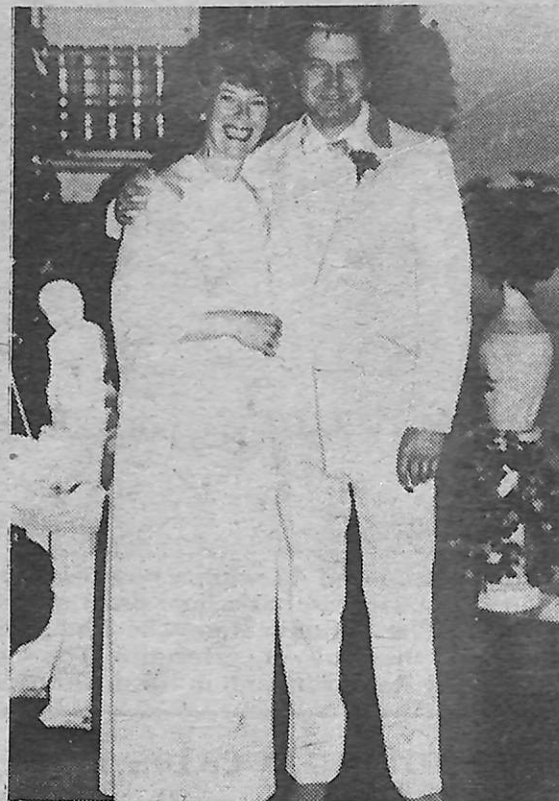
**Photos By  
Jack Devine**



# Polish Club Celebrates 25 Years In Style



Enjoying the Polish Club's 25th anniversary ball were, from left, Mr. and Mrs. Maxellon, Mr. and Mrs. Steven Sliech, Jr., and Florence Grady. In the background are Mr. and Mrs. Karl Goehlert.



Polish Club's Mr. and Mrs. Edward Smith. Ed serves as the Club's Vice-President.

## Hundreds Attend Polish Club's Anniversary

Hundreds of Polish-American Club members and residents of the community joined together Saturday evening at the Club's pavillion to celebrate the Club's 25th anniversary.

The pavillion was decorated in truly stylish fashion and the atmosphere was charged with the night's festive mood.

Awards and recognition were handed out to long time Club members after an excellent meal.

Dancing followed the awards ceremonies.

**Photos By  
Jack Devine**



Polish Club past presidents at the gala 25 year anniversary ball were, from left, William Sliech, Walter Drewnowski, Frank Coupas, and current president Edward J. Stepanik.



Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Stepanik serves as the Club's President.

## Polish American Club Correction

Please accept The Polish American Club's apologies for omitting the following names that should have been included in the list of charter members of the Polish American Club of Agawam. These men have given 25 years of continuous service to the community.

**Frank Maziarz, Past President**  
**Walter Gaj, Oldest Member**  
**Nick Rosatti**

And for the misspellings of the following names:

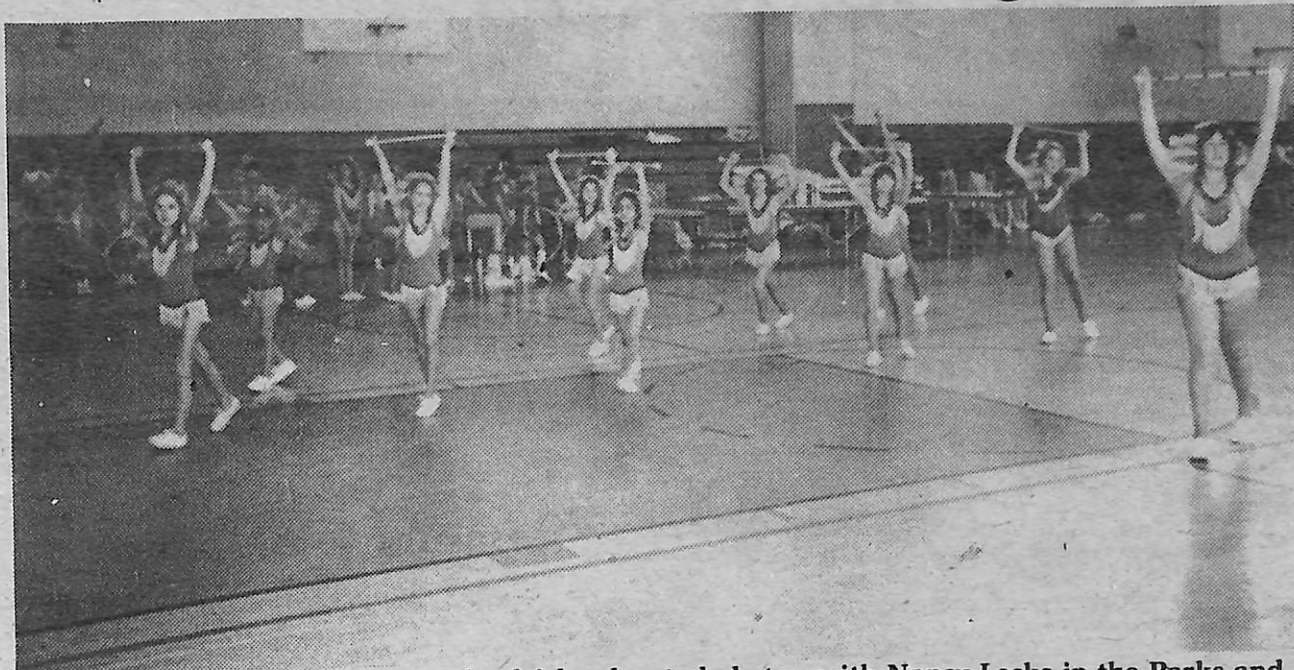
**William Janulewicz, Sr.**  
**Past President**  
**Bernard Drewnowski**  
**Walter Drewnowski**  
**Alexander Baldiga**  
**Joseph Janulewicz**

**Clarence Karakla**  
**Anthony Kosak**  
**John Poshkowski**  
**Joseph Voislow, Sr.**  
**Ted Dynia**



# SCHOOL NEWS

## Baton Indians Invade Agawam!



Close to two hundred Agawam schoolgirls who study baton with Nancy Locke in the Parks and Recreation-sponsored after-school program took part in a tri-state competition held at the High School gym last Sunday. Here, the Phelps School contingent dressed in the familiar Indian costume take their turn at performing. Top school award went to the Clark group, followed in second place by Robinson, and in third, Granger. Photo by Jack Devine.

### Parent Advocates For Gifted Children To Meet

The Agawam Parent Advocacy Group for the Academically Talented will hold an organizational meeting on May 4th at the Junior High School faculty dining room at 7 p.m.

Anyone interested in promoting educational enrichment in the Agawam public schools is invited to attend.

### 35th Year Reunion For Tech High Graduates

The Class of 1947 of Springfield Technical High School is planning its 35th year reunion for June 12th at a location to be announced.

For more information and address corrections, please contact Pat (Rossmeisel) Hartman at 737-9664 or Tony DiGiore at 739-9065 any evening at 7 p.m.

## Third Term HONOR ROLL

### GRADE 12

Thomas Albano, David Allen, Bruno Antico, Lisa Asta-Ferrero, Kathleen Barry, Kathleen Chapman, Suzanne Conway, Wendy Czerpak, Beth Dahlke, William Egan, Michael Ehresman, Sandra Fleming, Kathryn Foley, Jacqueline Fortier, Elizabeth Gelgut.

Also, Laura Gendron, Paulette Girard, Karol Goehlert, Beth Golemo, Deborah Goyette, David Hanson, Jennifer Hopkins, John Jury, Caron Lacour, Katherine Landers, Donna Larocca, Sally Librero, David Lyne, Jr., Laurel Masi, David Meade

Also, Patricia Misco, Lynette Moka, Christine Norman, Richard Parent, Dana Peabody, Deborah Peterson, Diane Preterotti, Lisa Robinson, Frank Rocca, Todd Rovelli, Nancy Roy, Antoni Santaniello, James Shea, Ann Sherry, Thomas Sibilia, Christine Skowerea, Rosemary Stassen, David Stuart, Susan Vinesett, Russell Webster, and Leah Wylie.

### GRADE 11

Michael Atkinson, Dianna Bator, Thomas Bennett, Gregory Brennan, Deborah Briggs, Sandee Brittain, John Calabrese, Frank Cardaropoli, Paul Cerpovicz, Ruth Chandler, Christine Chmura, Paul Coddington, Cheryl DeSpir, Suzanne Douglass, Marlene Feeney.

Also, Christine Ferraro, Gina Ferraro, Karen Fieldstad, Theresa Fergues, Timothy Guarnieri, Charles Hastings, Robin Henderson, Erica Jansons, David Jenks, Christine Johnson, Scott Josephson, Daniel Jury, Alisa LaFrancis, Gregory Lamson.

Also, Martha Leary, Andrew Lester, Anthony Li-qui, Susan Marai, Robert Nickerson, Marc Nicole, Roger Olewinski, Terri Ouellette, Michael Quill, Heather Roberts, Jeff Rovelli, Cheryl Santagate, Patricia Santaniello, Susanne Santaniello.

Also, Doreen Sardella, Patrick Sheehan, James Sherry, Michael Wands, Jeffrey White, and John Woodruff.

### GRADE 10

Jodi Anderson, Karen Augusti, Dawn Barr, Ann Marie Barrett, Lori Bartnik, Michael Beaudette, Debra Beauregard, Lorraine Belisle, James Cardaropoli, Eric Carroll, Kenneth Cuffee, Raelene Davis, Jody Dennis, Laura DiSantis, Tammi Desilets.

Also, Linda Desmarais, Karen Duda, John Favreau, Gina Fazio, Donna Fogg, Tina Karam, Maria Kozloski, Renee Lacour, Jeffrey Losito, Michael Madry, Lisa Martinelli, Jolene Mercadante, Shelly Merchant, Kenneth Moka, Lucinda Napoli, Richard Noyes.

Also, Elizabeth O'Donnell, Diane Palazzi, Eileen Paleologopoulos, Dale Patnaude, Michael Petrone, Phillip Podgorski, George Sandlin, Donald Schlichting, John Simpson, Ellen Smith, Colin Wells, Deborah White, and Stephen Young.

### GRADE 9

John Albano, Karen Albano, Thaisa Alechny, Douglas Allen, David Barna, Michael Barna, Carla Beavis, Clifford Belden, Raymond Belden, Edward Borgatti, Denise Bourbonnais, Frank Bowrys, Gina Buoniconti, Scott Cofer, Colleen Conway, Thomas Cruz, Michelle Duval, Michelle Early, Laura Farrington, Susan Feil, Stephen Fisher, Michelle Fontaine.

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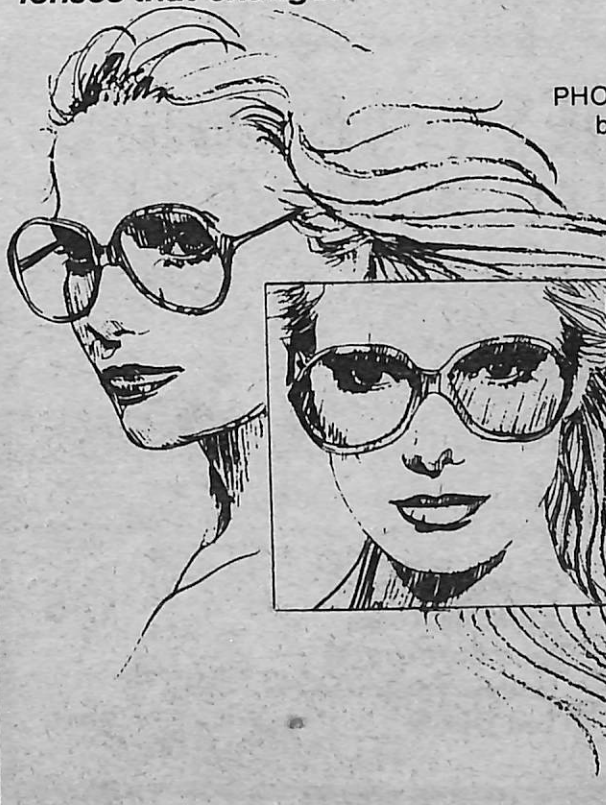
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**GRADE 8**

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**Troop 77 Paper Drive**

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**Wed., May 6:** Steamed frankfort in roll, oven baked beans, buttered green beans, fresh fruit, milk  
**Thurs., May 7:** Spaghetti w/meat sauce, creamy cabbage & carrot salad, Italian bread & butter, fruited jello with topping, milk  
**Fri., May 8:** 1/2 tuna salad sandwich, 1/2 peanut butter and marshmallow sandwich, buttered carrot coins, potato puffs, wacky chocolate cake w/icing, milk

**Danahy School PTO Plans Potluck Supper**

The Danahy School P.T.O. has scheduled a potluck supper to be held on Wednesday, May 6th at 6:30 p.m. This event will serve as the farewell PTO meeting.

Following a brief business meeting, Hal Stanton, old time movie expert, will show some of those oldies and make entertaining comments.

All Danahy parents are encouraged to attend

**Bambi School Slates Spring Open House**

Bambi Nursery and Day Care is in its fourteenth year of offering the children of Agawam and surrounding towns a fun learning experience. The nursery plans to hold its annual spring open house on May 6th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at its location at 22 Vernon Street, Agawam.

The children's work done throughout the year will be on display for parents and friends to see.

Anyone interested in the school is welcome to attend the open house. Registration for summer and fall slots will be taken that evening.

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## Guidance Bulletin Board

By Paul Cavallo  
Chairman,  
Guidance Dept.

News from the Junior High is that ninth-grader Gina Buoniconti, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Buoniconti of 13 Holland Drive, has been accepted for entrance into the Walker School for Girls in Simsbury, Connecticut. This boarding school is for girls in grades 9 through 12, and Gina will enter their tenth grade.

The last major change in next year's program of studies at Agawam High involves course level designations. Because our students can elect many courses, it is imperative that their course selections be made according to their abilities and needs. Courses at the High School will be offered at four levels of difficulty in order to challenge them at their levels of ability.

**LEVEL 1:** Advanced Placement courses taught at a college level. Students take an advanced placement exam to determine if they will earn college credit for the course taken.

**LEVEL 2:** High ability courses at an enriched and accelerated college preparatory level.

**LEVEL 3:** Courses requiring intensive effort in a particular program such as College Preparatory, Business Education, or Vocational/Technical.

**LEVEL 4:** Courses which are offered at a standard level of preparation. College preparatory courses whose content and required skill development, though demanding, are somewhat less intensive than college preparatory courses at Level 3. Skill-oriented courses such as machine shop, typewriting, reading and writing skills, math and computational skills.



Ninth Grader Gina Buoniconti

A student's retention at any level may depend upon his performance in the course.

All of the major changes that I have discussed in this column for the past two weeks are explained in the Program of Studies booklet which all students who are attending the High School next year will receive.

The programming of next year's tenth and twelfth graders has begun. When the twelfth grade programming has been completed, the high school guidance staff will explain the program of studies and begin the programming of tenth graders.

## WNEC Students Honored

Four local residents were recognized for academic achievement at a recent awards convocation held at Western New England College.

John A. Balboni, a senior electrical engineering student, earned the Electrical Engineering Dept. Award given by that department's faculty for outstanding academic performance. He is a member of Sigma Beta Tau, the national engineering honor society, and the student section of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.

Balboni served as electronic technician for the Town of Agawam and helped install the cable television studio at Agawam High School from which he graduated in 1977. He is the son of Walter and Rose Balboni of 188 Walnut Street.

John F. Cassidy, a sophomore electrical engineering student in the part-time program, was named recipient of a Sigma Beta Tau merit scholarship. He resides at 828 North Street.

Richard C. Jennings, a senior management major, was named the outstanding part-time undergraduate student in the School of Business. He resides at 83 Hendom Drive.

Julie I. Scalise, a senior marketing major, was named the outstanding graduate marketing student. She resides at 58 Edgewater Road.

## MacDuffie School Assoc. Offers Fashions & Lunch

On Wednesday, May 6th, the MacDuffie Parents Association will sponsor their yearly fashion show and luncheon at the school on Maple Street, Springfield. The theme for this year's show is "Swing In to Spring."

Fashions will represent a selection of ladies and men's clothes from A.O. White at Baystate West, Springfield. Models for the show will be the MacDuffie seniors and members of the Parents Association and friends.

During luncheon, the MacDuffie vocal group Take Nine will entertain. A raffle will be conducted, and door prizes awarded.

Reservations may be made and tickets obtained by calling 567-1940 or 736-0451.

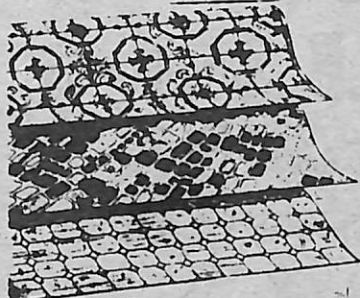
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## Sportmen's Corner

By Bill Chiba

Roy Benjamin of Feeding Hills experienced a wonderful sight recently while taking his five mile jog through Robinson Park. His Lab dog always accompanies him on his weight-losing exercises. This particular night the dog was running alongside of him when to their surprise a hen turkey appeared in front of them. The dog took off after the turkey and the hen moved so fast it stayed in front of the dog. Finally, it flew up in a tree near the road and proceeded to give the dog a piece of its mind.

It is amazing that the turkeys are finding refuge in populated areas. Last fall, golfers playing at Oak Ridge were treated to a picture of Tom Turkey strutting across the greens. They hollered and whooped, but the turkey paid no attention to them and proceeded on his way at his own pace.

Where there is a hen there has to be a Tom eventually. Who knows, we may have a population of wild turkeys established in Robinson Park in the future.

Otis Reservoir is filling up very slowly. A couple of days of rain would hasten the process. It is difficult to launch a large rig at the state ramp. Otis was stocked this past week.

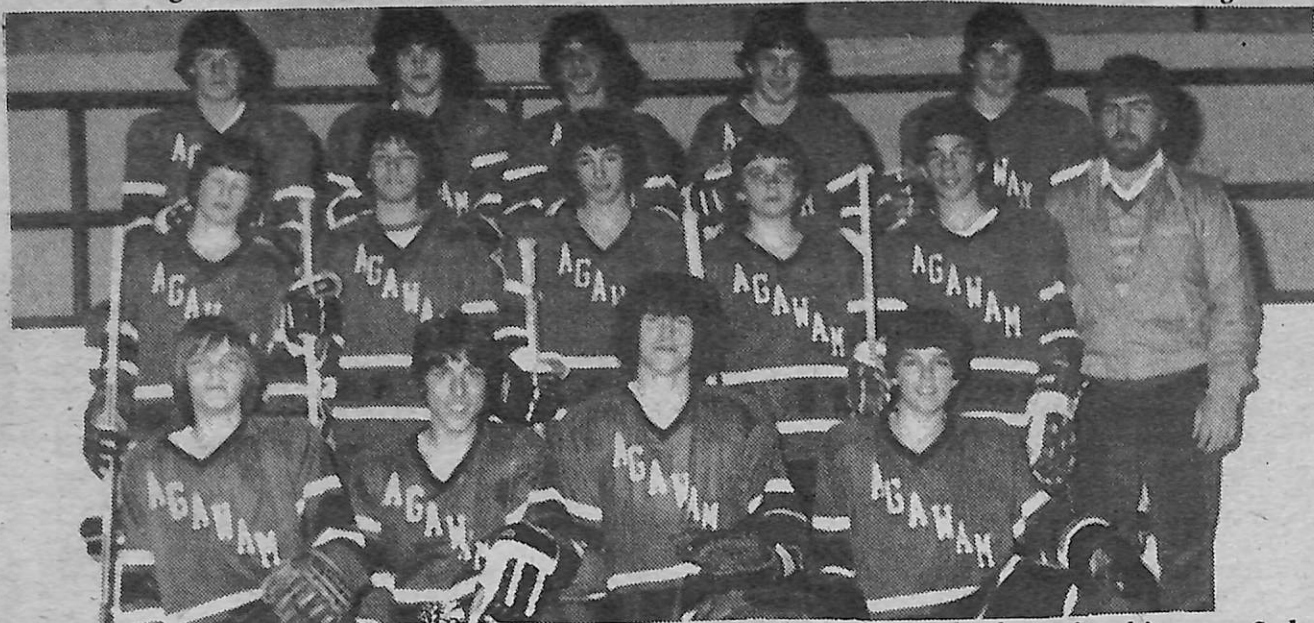
The western crews stocked the following waters with trout last week: Richmond Pond, Lake Mansfield, Laurel Lake, Littlefield Lake, Farmington River, Green River, York Lake, the middle and west branches of the Westfield River, the east branch in the Cummington-Chesterfield and the small brooks and streams in the Richmond-Stockbridge area.

The increase in law enforcement officers has started to show results in the western part of the state. A father and son were recently arrested for having deer hanging in a garage. The father paid \$4,000 in fines and the son, \$1,100.

There should be even more arrests during the hunting seasons this fall. All the deer that are being brought home and hung without the green metal tags attached will be prime targets. The fees for citations of broken fish and game laws are in for a substantial increase if a bill filed in Boston is passed. I hope that it is.

The water temperature is up to 50 degrees in most of the lakes and optimum fishing is the result. The streams are running at a good level and they have been stocked with fish. This week and next should be excellent for the stream fisherman. Who knows, I may run into a few stream purists some evening just about dusk. I like to fish the streams at that time.

When bugs start to be bothersome, some of the best fishing can be had.



Agawam's 12-14A amateur hockey team, which placed third in the state championships, are, 3rd row, from left, Dave Mahoney, Dean Liptak, Eric Blanchard, Kevin Mercadante, and Dennis Drewnowski. Second row, Andy Conway, Jeff Hill, Jay Passarini, John O'Malley, and Tony Liquori. First row, Mike Santore, Pete Sibilia, Dave Liptak and John Spellacy.

## Local Hockey Team Wins State's Third

The Agawam 12-14A amateur hockey team, coached by Ed Drewnowski, travelled to Boston April 10, 11, and 12 to skate for the Massachusetts State Bantam Division II Championship. The local team was among 16 from throughout the state to earn the right to compete for the state title.

Agawam won its first game on Friday night totalling 4 to 3 against Marblehead. Goals were scored by Dean Liptak, John O'Malley, and two by Dennis Drewnowski.

Assists went to Jay Passarini, John Spellacy, and Dave Mahoney.

The whole team skated hard in that game, and goaltender Dave Liptak made some big saves at the end of the game to defeat one of the best teams from the Boston area.

Agawam again defeated its opponent, Kingston, in their second game by a score of 11 to 4. Dean Liptak had a big game scoring five goals. Other goals were scored by Dennis Drewnowski, John O'Malley, Kevin Mercadante, Andy Conway, Jay Passarini, and John Spellacy. Assists went to Eric Blanchard and Tony Liquori.

Saturday night brought the locals third win in a game against Bellingham in which the score ended 5 to 3 and Agawam advanced to the semi-finals.

Goals were scored by Jay Passarini, John O'Malley, Kevin Mercadante, and two by Dean Liptak. Assists went to Peter Sigilia, Dave Mahoney, and Tony Liquori. Dave Liptak had another strong game in goal.

Sunday brought the first loss to the local team as they were defeated by Leominster 4 to 3 in semi-final action. Agawam fell behind by two goals early in the first period, but then Dean Liptak closed the gap with a goal late in that period.

Leominster scored one goal in the second period to make the score 3-1. It was all Agawam in the third period. Dennis Drewnowski scored a shorthanded goal to close the gap to 3-2. With a minute left to play, Kevin Mercadante tallied with a wicked drive from the corner to knot things at 3-3.

For a few moments, Agawam thought they'd be going into overtime, but with 20 seconds left to play Leominster scored on a deflected shot and won 4-3. Leominster went on to win the championship by defeating Van Horn of Springfield 5 to 3.

Coach Ed Drewnowski praised his team for the way they played and for the respect they earned from the Boston area teams. This team had finished in first place in the Greater Springfield Amateur Hockey League with 16 wins, 2 losses, and 1 tie.

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# Welcome To My World...

By Charles Dufos

What more appropriate way to start my column this week than by welcoming into the world Kristin Ann DeLucchi. Kristin, newborn daughter of John and Carol DeLucchi of Tina Lane, Feeding Hills, became a resident of the town on Wednesday, April 22, at 11:23 a.m. Proud grandparents are Mario (Mike) and Agnes DeLucchi of Spencer Street as well as Arthur and Eva Cooley of West Springfield.

Harmon Smith Field hosted the Agawam Brownies and the Northampton Devils last Friday in a baseball game that gave the hometown a 2-0 grade in the Western Mass. Division B league. Scott Karam was on the rubber for the Brownies, and his giving up a triple on the first pitch of the game sent hearts pounding for his teammates. But settling down, he wiped out the next three batters with strikeouts. Agawam's three lead-off men did nothing in the bottom of the first; however, in the second, the Brownies surged ahead

2-0 on a single by John Calabrese, who advanced to second on a sacrifice fly to right field by Timmy Ayre. Pitcher Karam lambasted a beauty to deep right center and drove Calabrese across for the first tally. Karam, hugging third with his triple, was brought home on Paul Dezielle's single.

This game had been postponed from Thursday because of rain, and the action was played under serious threat of cancellation. The Devils' namesake kept the sky dark and threatening throughout the afternoon. Sparks of lightning danced through the heavens, and the Devil's own drummer thundered out a rhythmic beat every time Scott took to the mound. Undaunted, Karam kept his cool and faced the Devils squarely and without a shade of fear.

Giving up two hits, two walks, and one run, which came in the top of the 7th, Karam succeeded in striking out eleven from Northampton.

Mike Walsh's 16-and-under boys' soccer team, sponsored by the Roadrunners Muffler Shop and

playing in the Pioneer Valley Soccer League for the Agawam Soccer Association, redeemed itself Sunday by downing their counterparts, Holy Cross of Springfield, by a score of 5-4. Coming off a devastating 5-0 defeat last week at the hands of a team from Ludlow, Walsh's raiders controlled most of the action through the first half and closed the period with a 3-1 edge.

Billy O'Brien teamed up with Davey Jenks to break the ice when O'Brien split a beauty between two H.C. defensemen to Jenks, who crossed the sphere from the left side into the net. Holy Cross came right back and evened the score, but again the dynamic duo of Jenks and O'Brien teamed up, and Jenks stinger surged his team ahead. The Roadrunners kept quick pace as Davey J. zeroed in on H.C.'s goalie, who managed to get his fingertips on the ball, but it deflected into the cage. 3-1 Agawam at this point...and halftime.

Opening action of the second half gave Holy Cross another tally, but the Roadrunners' Jean Nicole and Tony Caputo each picked up a marker, and Agawam led by a 5-2 margin. Resting slightly on their laurels, Agawam became a little careless and allowed H.C. to move to within one goal of evening the score, but time ran out.

The close score should not overshadow the terrific goalkeeping done by Ricky Costa, who tended for the first time. Time and again when the defensive players were unable to give full protection, Rick came from nowhere in a heap of players and snagged the black and white. Credit should also be given for fine defensive playing to Dave Stratton.

After the boys' soccer game at the Agawam Middle School last Sunday, the girls' 16-and-under, playing in the same league, but sponsored by the Polish Club of Feeding Hills, handily set down the Wilbraham team. Chris McCarthy split one between the posts and was quickly followed by Missy Sullivan on an assist from Jennifer O'Brien. Wilbraham managed to score its lone when Julie Miodowski was pulled out of the box. Julie didn't let this happen again as she took a good number of shots in strike and prevented further Wilbraham tallies.

On a neat pass from Diane Goodman to Missy Sullivan, Sully crushed one into the net for a 3-1 lead. Coming right back, Diane and Missy once again teamed up in the same position as before and walked away with the Polish Club holding a comfortable 4-1 margin in the first thirty-five minutes of play.

After the half, Pam Rowen, who has been nursing an injured ankle and was a doubtful player for Coach Bill O'Brien, floated one in from fifty feet out. Dana Venturini capped the scoring by left-footing a scorcher, thus giving Agawam a 6-1 final.

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